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1. OUR CONTACT WITH COUNTRY REVIEW PROCESS IS THROUGH RECEIPT OF CEPCIES DOCUMENTS ON MEXICO. THESE ARE USEFUL SOURCE OF DATA AND COMMENTARY ON MEXICAN ECONOMY, BUT ARE NOT SUPERIOR TO REPORTS ISSUED BY IMF AND IBRD WHICH COVER ROUGHLY THE SAME GROUND.

2. WE IMAGINE THAT GOM WOULD FAVOR ELIMINATION OF THE REVIEWS OVER OTHER TWO ALTERNATIVES. GOM TENDS TO BE SECRETIVE ABOUT ECONOMIC DATA AND PROBABLY DISLIKES FAIRLY WIDE CIRCULATION THAT CEPCIES STUDIES GET. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE UNDERSTAND THAT GOM REFUSED PERMISSION TO PUBLISH IBRD'S 1973 BASIC REPORT ON MEXICO, AND COMPLAINS ABOUT FAIRLY WIDE DISTRIBUTION OF IBRD REPORTS ON MEXICAN ECONOMY. SINCE THEY GO THROUGH A SIMILAR PROCESS WITH IBRD AND IMF, THEY WOULD PROBABLY VIEW CEPCIES EXERCISE AS REPETITIVE.

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3.WE DO NOT KNOW DEGREE TO WHICH CEPCIES REVIEW INFLUENCES MEXICAN ECONOMIC POLICY DECISIONS, BUT SUSPECT

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THAT IT IS CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN THAT EXERCISED BY IMF
AND IBRD WHICH HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT LIMITED. GOM DOES NOT
APPRECIATE OUTSIDE ADVICE ON ECONOMIC POLICY. THUS, WE
BELIVE THAT CEPCIES REVIEW COULD BE ELIMINATED WITHOUT ANY
NOTICEABLE EFFECT AS FAR AS MEXICO IS CONCERNED.
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